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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DAYAN ON SETTLEMENTS

REF: TEL AVIV 6546; STATE 173913 (25 JULY)

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1. IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 1 CONVERSATION WITH DAYAN, IN DISCUSSING SETTLEMENTS, THE QUESTION OF AVOIDING FURTHER SURPRISES CAME UP, AND DAYAN SAID BEGIN WANTED HIM TO GO OVER SETTLEMENT PLANS IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT. TO MAKE CERTAIN THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THE NATURE OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT SETTLEMENTS, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO DAYAN THAT OUR INTEREST IS NOT IN BEING INFORMED IN ADVANCE BUT IN THERE BEING NO SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY. WE DO WANT FRANK DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER BETWEEN US, AND OF COURSE ANY FEELING THAT THERE HAS BEEN "BREACH
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OF FAITH" DOES HAVE THE EFFECT OF EXACERBATING THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER WELL WE MAY BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE, THOUGH, WE WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES ON AN ISSUE OF THE GREATEST INTEREST TO US, AND BECAUSE WE CONSIDER IT ILLEGAL.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT TO DAYAN THAT LOCATING THE

SETTLEMENTS IN EXISTING MILITARY BASE AREAS DOES NOT MAKE
A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE.

THE REACTION IN THE ARAB WORLD WILL
BE NO LESS STRONG AND THE EFFECT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS NO
LESS TROUBLESOME. NOT ONLY IS A SETTLEMENT A SETTLEMENT
IN THE EYES OF THE ARABS, (AND OUR OWN AS WELL) BUT THEY
ARE OF COURSE AWARE THAT THE LARGEST SETTLEMENT ON THE
WEST BANK (KIRYAT ARBA) BEGAN IN A MILITARY BASE AREA.

3. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE QUESTION
DURING DAYAN'S VISIT, BUT WE THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO LET
ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THESE POINTS PERSIST UNTIL
THEN. YOU SHOULD RECALL TO DAYAN, MEANWHILE, IN
CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENTS GENERALLY, PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE TO BEGIN OF AUGUST 17. CHRISTOPHER

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